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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed January 14, 2005, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of the maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

It does not appear that the statement of unintentional delay was signed either by an attorney of record or by a person who would have been in a position of knowing that the delay in timely paying the maintenance fee was unintentional. Nevertheless, in accordance with 37 CFR 10.18, the statement is accepted as constituting a certification of unintentional delay. However, in the event that petitioner has no knowledge that the delay was in fact unintentional, petitioner should make a reasonable inquiry to ascertain that, in fact, the delay was unintentional. If petitioner discovers that the delay was intentional, petitioner must so notify the Office.

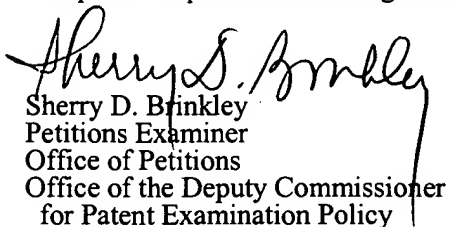
If petitioner desires to receive future correspondence regarding any Maintenance Fee Reminder which may be mailed regarding maintenance fees for the above-identified patent, the "fee address" and/or "customer number" form(s) should be submitted to the Maintenance Fee Division.

The petition is GRANTED.

The maintenance fee in this case is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

The file is being forwarded to the Files Repository.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204.


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